(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the government thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFROMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (c). Some complaints were received against the style of functioning of Station Director, All India Radio, Ratnagiri and the same have since been enquired into. On the basis of the enquiry report, the Station Director, All India Radio, Ratnagiri has been transferred.

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Reservation of Jobs for Disabled

4000. SHRI GEORGE FERNADES: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to curtail reservation in jobs for disabled persons from 3 per cent to 2 per cent in the C & D Categories of posts; and

(b) if so, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Festival of India in Germany

4001. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES. Will the Minister of INFROMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether some lapses have been noticed in the film sections of the festival of India in Germany; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFROMATION AND BROADCASTING. (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b). The Government saw a news item in some newspapers regarding film segment of Festival of India in Germany. The news item perceives some shotcomings in the arrangement for the film festival which opened in Berlin in 16th Sept. 91 The news report mentions that 10 film prints to be subtitled in German did not reach before the inaugural function and thereby causing disappointment among the viewers. The news item also indicates that the Germans were interested in seeing MAHAPRITHIVI as the inaugural film n place of AGANTUK which was shown as naugural film. The report further mentions that there were more bureaucrats than the film personalities attending the festival at Berlin.

Also the quality of film prints has been questioned in the news item.

2. The contents of the news item do not represent a true picture. Will it cannot be denied that the inaugural function did not attain the desired levels of glamour as only two film personalities could participate in the festival, it pricked up momentum as it progressed.

3. Also there can be question of disappointment among the viewers due to arrival of some prints after the inaugural function, since the festival is of substantial duration spreading over nearly 6 months and traveling to different cities in Germany, which would provided ample opportunity to the audiences in different parts of Germany to view each and every film of the package. In fact, 10 film prints which did not reach before the inaugural function were those to be gifted to the German Archives after their wide exhibition in the festival and would be permanently with the Germans and could be exhibited to the audiences even after the festival.

4. As regards the inaugural film, it may be mentioned that there could be only one inaugural film. While the importance of any other film in the package cannot be denied, the selection of AGANTUK as inaugural film was in no way unwise. The film has been subsequently selected in the Indian Panorama '92 - a rare distinction, which in itself puts to rest all the questions arousing doubt. It has been decided to screen MAHAPRITHVI as closing film of the festival. All the prints were cheeked in India before despatch.

5. It is not true that there were more bureaucrats than the film personalities attending the festival at Berlin since only one official viz., Director of Dte. of Film Festival who was the Commissioner of the film segment of the festival, was present on this occasion. minister for Information and Broadcasting was invited to inaugurate the festival. Film personalities viz., Shri Adoor Gopalakrishnan, an eminent film Director and Shri Dipanker Dey, hero of the film AGANTUK also attended the inaugural function.

Setting up of low Power T.V. Transmitter at Palamner in Andhra Pradesh

4002. SHRI M.G. REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BRODCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up low Power T.V.Transmitter at Palamner and Piler in Chittor districts of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the by when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFROMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS):(a) to (c). No, Sir. However, Palamner and Piler towns are expected to receive TV service when the high power (10KW) TV transmitter under implementation at Tirupati is envisaged to be commissioned during 1992.

Newsitem "PSEB Funds"

4003. SHRI JEEWAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned " PSEB funds embazzled" appearing in the Tribune dated September 25, 1991;

(b) if so, the salient points brought out in the news report and the extend to which the same are correct; and

(c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF THE POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c). The newsitem appearing in the Tribune dated 25th September, 1991 relates to embezzlement of funds by some staff members of the Punjab State Electricity Board. Preliminary investigations by the Board indicate that a total amount of Rs.2.36 lakhs has been embezzled.

The State Electricity Boards are autonomous bodies set up by the respective State Governments in terms of the provisions of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948. The Central Government does not have any direct control over the administrative activities of the Board. The matter regarding investigation into the alleged embezzlement of PSEB Funds falls under the jurisdiction of the State Government of Punjab/ Punjab state Electricity Board, who have already lodged FIRs under various sections of IPC against 14 accused officials.